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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE: PORTUGUESE ACCEPT  
INVITATION TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS  
MILITARY ISSUES

SUMMARY: AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT EANES'S CONVERSATION WITH  
PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE NATO SUMMIT, PORTUGUESE NAVY CHIEF  
ADM SOUTO CRUZ HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL  
ENVOY AND DIRECTED TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON FOR HIGH-LEVEL  
DISCUSSIONS OF ALL ASPECTS OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE.  
END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT EANES PERSONALLY CALLED ARMA ON JUNE 14 AND  
REQUESTED HE MEET WITH NAVY CHIEF ADM SOUTO CRUZ THE FOLLOWING  
DAY. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE POINTS COVERED IN THE  
JUNE 15 MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO SOUTO CRUZ, DURING THE NATO SUMMIT, PRESIDENT  
CARTER INVITED PRESIDENT EANES TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE  
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TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE. PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO OFFERED TO SEND A  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO PORTUGAL FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.  
SOUTO CRUZ SAID HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT EANES  
AS PORTUGAL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECTED TO GO TO  
WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE  
PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. IN ADDITION, SOUTO CRUZ IS

EMPOWERED TO DISCUSS TOPICS RELATED TO PAPERS EMANATING FROM THE NATO SUMMIT CONCERNING INDUSTRIES, STORAGE FACILITIES, AND ANCILLARY ITEMS FOR NATO SUPPORT. ADM SOUTO CRUZ REQUESTED HELP IN ARRANGING CONVERSATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON IN EITHER THE SECOND OR FOURTH WEEK OF JULY. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SECDEF BROWN AND NSC DEPUTY AARON, BOTH OF WHOM HE MET WITH DURING THE NATO SUMMIT. SOUTO CRUZ EMPHASIZED THAT HE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH ANYONE THE USG BELIEVES HE SHOULD SEE.

3. COMMENT: THE INVITATION TO SEND A PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EQUIPMENT-RELATED ISSUES HAS RAISED PORTUGUESE EXPECTATIONS THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE MAJOR NEW ASSISTANCE. WITH A GOOD START ALREADY MADE ON BRIGADE-RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE ARMY, THE AIR FORCE IS NEXT IN LINE. MODERN FIGHTER AIRCRAFT (READ F-5E'S) ARE AT THE TOP OF THEIR EQUIPMENT LIST. OTHER TOPICS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY SOUTO CRUZ INCLUDE:

--SHIP ACQUISITION;

--INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN NATO EXERCISES WITH U.S. FORCES;

--AN AWACS FORWARD OPERATING BASE FOR PORTUGAL;

--INFRASTRUCTURE, DEPOTS, ETC.

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, ADM SOUTO CRUZ MAY ALSO INVITE A DOD REPRESENTATIVE TO LISBON FOR FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS.  
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4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO ADM SOUTO CRUZ.  
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